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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to interview summary and attached examiner's amendment.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-5,9-14,18-23 and 27.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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- ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
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- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date attached.
- ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
- ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
- ☐ Other _____

LARRY D. DONAGHUE
PRIMARY EXAMINER

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1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Frank L. Cire on 01/11/2006.

The application has been amended as follows:

Replace claim 19 with the following:

19. (Currently Amended) A control program, tangibly embodied on a computer readable media, executed in a printing control apparatus that communicates with an image forming apparatus connected via a network, comprising:

a registration step of registering information used in order to enable utilization of the image forming apparatus;

a generating step, responsive to registration of said information at said registration step, for generating setting information to set a printing-completion notification destination of a printing-completion notification step of the image forming apparatus to the printing control apparatus in such a manner that notification of completion of printing can be received from the image forming apparatus; and

a determination step of determining, on the basis of information indicative of a printing-completion notification function possessed by the image forming apparatus, whether the image forming apparatus has a printing-completion notification function; and

a step of transmitting result of the determination at said determination step is transmitted to the information processing apparatus,

wherein said determination step determines whether a printing-completion notification destination in the image forming apparatus can be stored in the image forming apparatus, and causes the printing control apparatus to transmit the result of this determination to the information processing apparatus, and

wherein if said determination step determines that the printing-completion notification destination in said image forming apparatus can be stored in the image forming apparatus, an instruction which makes a setting such that the printing completion notification destination becomes the printing control apparatus is not generated with respect to print data, and if said determination step determines that the

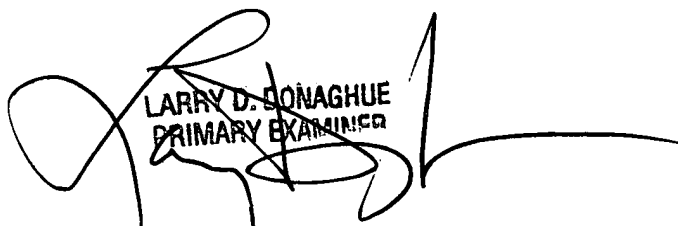
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printing-completion notification destination cannot be stored in the image forming apparatus, the printing control apparatus is caused to notify the information processing apparatus that an instruction which makes a setting such that the printing-completion notification destination becomes the printing control apparatus is generated with respect to print data.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Larry D. Donaghue whose telephone number is 571-272-3962. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:00-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Follansbee can be reached on 571-272-3964. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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